ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A record and replay apparatus comprises a transducing for reproducing a digital signal from a medium. A control unit means controls a reproduction mode of the apparatus. A decoding means is coupled to the transducing means for decoding the digital signal and deriving therefrom a signal indicative of a specific picture The reproduction mode has a first period of reproduction at a normal play speed and a second period of reproduction at a speed greater than the play speed. The first and second periods alternating with the first period initiated responsive to the signal indicative of a specific picture type. In a further arrangement a first transducing A control means generates a signal, means, records an MPEG signal. indicating an intra coded frame occurrence in the MPEG bit stream, which is recorded by a second transducing servo reference signal.

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